2007 Governor's Award for Civic Engagement

Montana's Premier Award for Civic Engagement

General Information

The Montana Commission on Community Service established the Governor's Award for Civic Engagement to honor organizations and individuals for their efforts to engage their communities and achieve results that influence the way of life at the state or local level. This award is Montana's premier award for civic engagement. It will represent the best in positive community change through service, volunteerism and community leadership.

The purpose of this award is to recognize organizations and individuals of all ages and backgrounds who, through their dedication and commitment to community service and volunteerism have embodied the true spirit of civic engagement in Montana.

Guidelines

- Nominees may **not be salaried** for the service performed
- **♣** Nominees must be **residents** of the State of Montana
- ♣ National Service members must have served in Montana
- **♣ Incomplete** nomination forms will not be considered

Criteria

Nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- ♣ Personal commitment to service in Montana
- Level of civic engagement fostered in the community or state
- **♣** Significance of impact or change in the community or state
- ♣ Significance of legacy that remains in the community or state
- **♣** Perseverance through obstacles of all types

A ₁	Award Categories - Double click on box and click in "check" box, then click OK			
Youth (age 24 and under)				
	Adult (age 25-59 yrs.)			
	Seniors (60+ yrs.)			
	National Service Member (AmeriCorps or *VISTA)			
	Organizations or multiple individuals acting collectively			
	Service Learning Project			
	Lifetime Award – An individual that has devoted a lifetime of service to Montana Communities			

Definitions of

- **Civic Engagement** is the following: individual and collective actions designed to identify and address issues of public concern. Civic engagement can take many forms, from individual voluntarism to organizational involvement.
- **Service-learning** is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich a valuable learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Notification : Award winners and nominators will be notified during the 3 rd week in August. The Montana Commission will recognize award winners during the Governor's Conference on Civic Engagement Tuesday, September 25, in Billings Montana.					
Questions: Please contact Sue Tinsley in the Governor's Office of Community Service at (406) 444-1391 or e-mail to <u>stinsley@mt.gov</u>					
Nominee Information Name: Address: Email: Organization at which nominee volunteers: Name of local/regional newspaper	Age: City/State/Zip:				
	Please choose a category below				
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Nominator Information Name:	Title:				
Organization:	Tiue.				
Address: Email:	City/State/Zip: Phone:				
References					
Submission: You may fax, email or send your nomination through regular mail. Nominations must be received by July 31, 2007. Send to: Governors Office of Community Service Attn: Sue Tinsley PO Box 200801 Helena, Mt 59620-0801					

↓ Volunteer Activity		
Please describe in two hundred words or less the volunteer activities of the nominee(s) for each question. You may use additional sheets of paper if needed. 1. Describe the nominee's personal commitment to service in his/her community or state?		
2. How did the nominee increase the level of civic engagement in his/her community or state?		
3. Describe the significance of impact or change in the community or state as a direct result of the efforts of the nominee.		
4. What legacy remains in the community or state from the efforts of the nominee?		

	5. Explain any obstacles (economic, social, physical, etc.) that the nominee had to overcome to create the civic engagement efforts for which he/she is nominated.			
	6. Nomination Narrative:			
	Please summarize the achievements and the contributions of the impact of the nominee's activity where appropriate. Responses s			
+	Checklist of Materials to be sent in: Double click on box and click in "check" box, then click OK Completed nomination form			
	☐ One letter of testimony from a person other than the nominator ☐ The name of one additional reference with knowledge of the nominee's volunteer activities ☐ Volunteer activity questions ☐ Nomination narrative			
~	Deadline July 31, 2007			
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